

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 62-66. In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004, Applicants have canceled claims 1-61 and 67-145, without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, the pending rejection the claims 1-61 and 67-145 is moot. Applicants believe that the pending application is now in condition for allowance.

Further, Applicants note that the IDS filed on October 15, 2002 has not yet been considered. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing IDS be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the document be made of record therein. A copy of the IDS disclosure previously submitted is attached hereto. A returned initialed PTO-1449 form to the Applicants is respectfully requested so that the Applicants may confirm the references have been considered.

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

II. Conclusion

Accordingly, it is urged that the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account

Respectfully submitted,

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